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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

On page 2 of the notice of allowability, the Examiner states "the prior art reference of records (US Pat. 4,648,020) fails to teach or fairly suggest . . . a DC-DC converter that is an up-converter . . . as called for in claim 3 " Applicants note that claim 3 recites "wherein the DC-DC-converter is a down-converter" not "a DC-DC converter that is an up-converter" as stated by the Examiner.

The Examiner further states "the prior art reference of records (US Pat. 4,648,020) fails to teach or fairly suggest ... a DC-DC converter that is an up-converter ... as called for in claim 4" Applicants note that claim 4 recites "wherein the DC-DC-converter is a flyback-converter comprising a transformer with a transformation ratio N" not "a DC-DC converter that is an up-converter" as stated by the Examiner.

The Examiner further states "the prior art reference of records (US Pat. 4,648,020) fails to teach or fairly suggest . . . a DC-DC converter that is an up-converter . . . as called for in claim 5" Applicants note that claim 5 recites "wherein the circuit comprises a current source that generates a current that is proportional to V_{in}" not "a DC-DC converter that is an up-converter" as stated by the Examiner. The claims are reproduced below for convenience.

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Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this response, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (408) 382-0480.

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